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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: New Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of Birgit **Schleifenbaum**, Ines **Voigt**
and Frank **Aickele**
"SEAMLESS FILLED CAPSULES"
Our Ref.: 3968.099

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above, including the English language translation of the specification and claims, the German language specification, and a Preliminary Amendment. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and certified copy of the priority document, if required, will be filed at a later date.**

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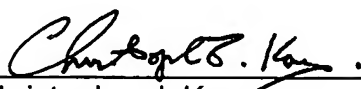
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Priority is claimed from December 5, 2002, based upon European Patent Application No. EP 02 027 190.4.

Respectfully submitted,

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